UNITED STARS DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION - PART 2

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221 S. Fremont Avenue is a three story residential interior row unit circa 1850. The construction is masonry (brick). The front facade faces west.

This building has undergone extensive structural damage from both exposure and tree growth, rendering the structure unsafe to enter. However, parts of the brick facade are intact. Cornice and window sills are in good condition, but the roof and joists are damaged beyond repair.

An engineering report that will substantiate the condition of the building will be forthcoming.

PART I #3

The significance of 221 S. Fremont Avenue as a historic residence lies in the fact that it is an integral part of the Ridgely's Delight historic district. Ridgely's Delight has been certified as eligible for listing in the Federal Historic Register and has already been certified as a municipal historic district.

Originally, the area of Ridgely's Delight sprang up around a Susquehanoch Indian trail. Early settlers stamped a path through the area that connected it to the colonies to the north and south.

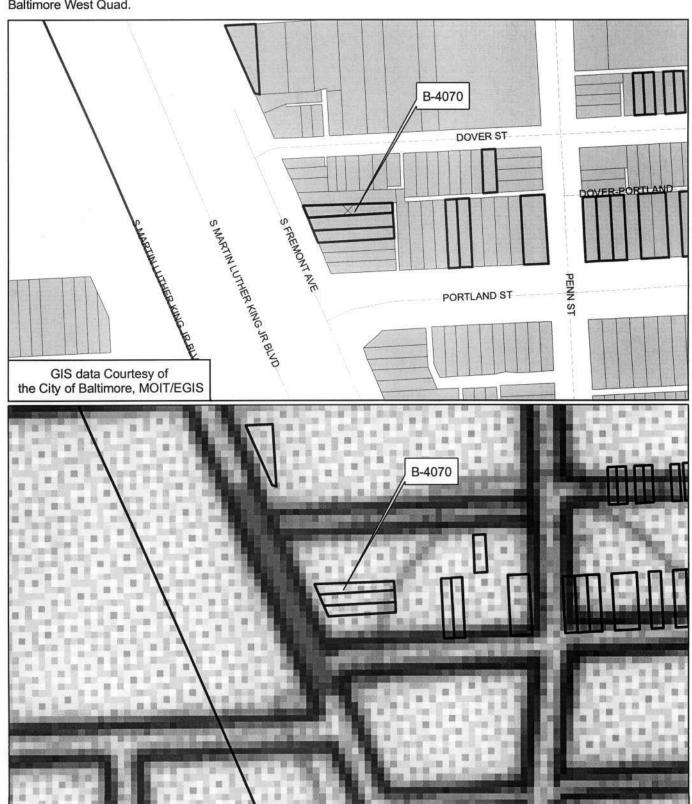
In 1714, a survey was undertaken for a Mr. John Parrish on a tract of land named Brotherly Love. Col. Charles Ridgely resurveyed Brotherly Love in 1732 and combined it with several other tracts of land. One of the tracts was Howard's Timber Neck, which Ridgely's wife, Rachel, had received as an inheritance from her grandfather, the original patentee (1668). Fremont Avenue was a part of Howard's Timber Neck which was combined with other tracts to form Ridgely's Delight.

221 S. Fremont Avenue is very typical of the federal and Italianate style houses that characterize the neighborhood. Important architectural features of the house are its diminishing window size and the loft area. These features can be found on many of the homes in the Ridgely's district.

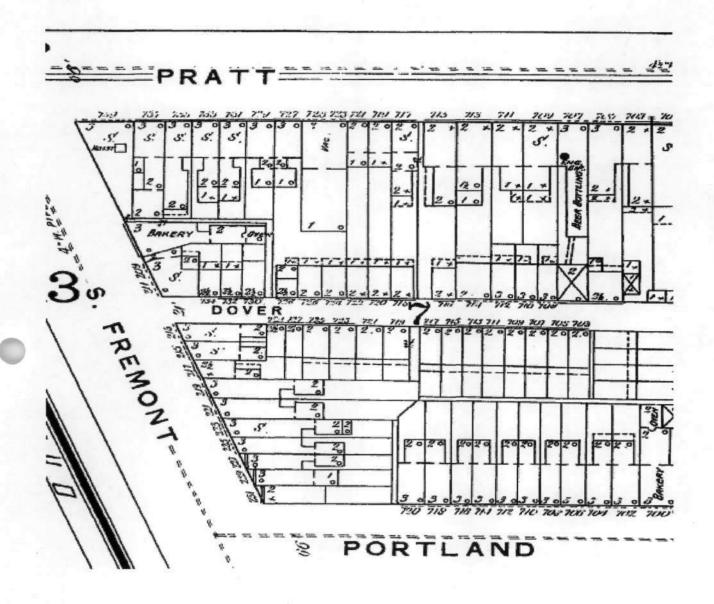
This house sits near the western border of the Ridgely district. From Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, the house is very visible. As this is a widely used thoroughfare, by both Baltimoreans and "out-of-towners", the location and condition of this house is important to the entire district.

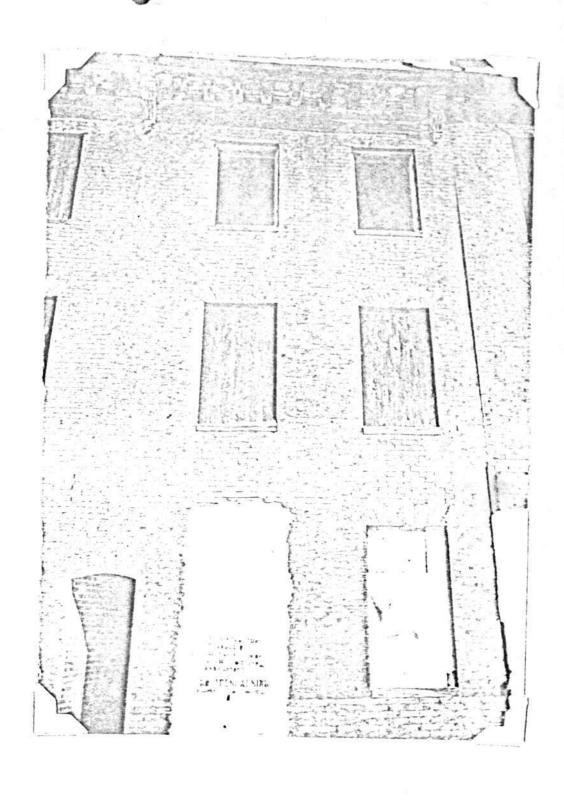
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